

VERNON TEMPLE A.M.E. CHURCH

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OFFICIANT | **Rev. Leonard D. M. Santucci, JP** | *Pastor, Vernon Temple A.M.E. Church*


ASSISTING | **Rev. P. Esther Douglas & Rev. Leon A. K. Jennings** | **MUSICIAN** | **Bro. Conrad Roach**

ENTRANCE	<i>Music by the Late Mahalia Jackson</i>
PROCESSIONAL	<i>Clergy & Family</i>
WELCOME	Rev. Dr. Leonard D. M. Santucci <i>Pastor</i>
OPENING HYMN	Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
PRAYER	Rev. Dr. Leonard D. M. Santucci
SCRIPTURES	Old Testament: Psalm 121 <i>Read by Maxwell Lawrence Nephew</i> New Testament: 1 Peter 5 <i>Read by Pastor Dean Smith of Open Door Christian Assembly Nephew</i>
HYMN	Throw Out The Lifeline
TRIBUTES	Mama Ruby's Girls & Video Tribute
SPECIAL MUSIC	Vernon Temple Women's Choir
OBITUARY	<i>Read by Jonelle Smith Niece</i>
SPECIAL MUSIC	Solo by Marissa Brangman <i>Niece</i>
EULOGY	Rev. Leon A. K. Jennings
CLOSING HYMN	How Great Thou Art!
CLOSING PRAYER	Rev. Dr. Leonard D. M. Santucci
RECESSIONAL	Nessun Dorma <i>Music performed by Andrea Bocelli</i> <i>Congregation to remain seated</i>

INTERMENT **St. Mark's Cemetery, Smith's Parish**

Pallbearers In / Out Of Church Clarence Burrows | Benjamin Williams | Shelton Bean | Anthony Butterfield | Conrad Roach | Eugene Simons | Vaughn Simons

Pallbearers to Grave Montoya Lawrence | Darwin Symonds | Terry L. Smith | Dennis Wainwright Jr. | Ronald Simmons | Antonio Esposito





HYMNS



Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by Thy great help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Throw Out the Lifeline

Throw out the life line across the dark wave;
There is a brother whom someone should save;
Somebody's brother! o who then will dare
To throw out the life line, his peril to share?

Refrain

*Throw out the life line! throw out the life line!
Someone is drifting away;
Throw out the life line! throw out the life line!
Someone is sinking today.*

Throw out the life line with hand quick and strong:
Why do you tarry, why linger so long?
See! he is sinking; oh, hasten today
And out with the life boat! away, then away!
Refrain

Soon will the season of rescue be o'er,
Soon will they drift to eternity's shore;
Haste, then, my brother, no time for delay,
But throw out the life line and save them today.
Refrain

How Great Thou Art!

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:
Refrain

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.
Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then *I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, My God, how great thou art!
Refrain





FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Beloved Husband

Webster (Peter) Simons

Children and Grands

Zina Simons

Terica Esposito (Antonio)

N'Dea Brangman

Marcus Brangman

Maximillian Esposito

Gabriela Esposito

Arah Iman Roberts

Siblings

Herbert Wainwright (Gladys)

Gilbert (Edith) Wainwright

Dennis (Natalie) Wainwright

Muriel (StClair) Simmons

Eloise Jenkins

Morris (Pamela) Wainwright

Godchildren

Darwin Symonds

Crystal Outerbridge





Ruby dearly loved all her family and friends very much; however Ruby had family and friends that she had special or close relationships with:

Akirrah Obrien | Anthony Butterfield | Dr. Alicia Stovell | Dr. Mahesh Reddy | Allan Porter | Andrew Gosling, Senad Srebric & John Sloan | Anthony & Donna Foggo | Benjamin & Debra Williams and Family | Beth Stovell & Family | Betty Raynor | Betty Jean DeSilva & Family | Brenda Smith & Family | Brendan Smith & Family | Butch & Marcia Outerbridge and Family | Calvin & Isobel Busby | Carlton & Wendy Lambert and Family | Carol Hollis & Family | Carol Simmons | Carol Mae Simons & Family | Carolyn Pemberton & Family | Charles (Joe) Simons & Family | Charmaine Smith | Ciro & Rita Esposito and Family | Clarence & Irma Burrows | Luigi Esposito & Concetta Cuomo | Conrad Roach | Craig Lowe | Danny & Nicole Carreiro and Family | Darwin & Tianna Symonds and Family | Dean & Jonelle Smith and Family | Denise Simons | Denise Trew | Dwanita Grant | Eardley Simons & Family | Enza Esposito & Family | Ernest & Judy Howard and Family | Eugene Simons | Eugene & Rose Wainwright and Family | Eugenie Outerbridge | Francesca Esposito & Family | Francesco & Xiomara DiMaggio and Family | Francesco & JoAnne Pidala and Family | Francis Simons & Family | Francezia Campbell & Family | Giovanni & Sandra Guglielmucci and Family | Glenda Gibson | Gloria Delores Thomas & Family | Gloria Grant | Gloria Rabain | Guiseppe & Maria Esposito and Family | Gwendolyn Butterfield | Helene Tucker & Family | Howard & Ruth Dill and Family | Idabel Simmons | Irma Smith & Family | Jill Symons | John & Marilyn Smith | Judith Symons & Family | Judith Wilkinson | Karen Simmons | Livio Ferigo & Family | Lois Smith & Family | Luanna Rawlins & Family | Marie Carter & Family | Marion Paul | Marion Trott & Family | Mary Mello & Family | Maxwell & Maxine Lawrence and Family | Michael Brangman | Michael & Terry Watson | Michael Watson | Michele & Amalia Esposito and Family | Montoya & Kimberly Lawrence and Family | Niki Sherlock | Quinton & Charlotte Sherlock | Quinton Sherlock Jr. | Raymond & Marissa Brangman | Rev. Leon Jennings & Family | Rev. Leonard Santucci & Family | Ronald & Tammy Simmons and Family | Rosa Cuomo | Ruby Smith & Family | Shakera Jenkins | Shawn & Shareka Baldwin and Family | Shelton Bean | Shirley Symonds & Family | Susan Stovell & Family | Terry L. Smith | The La Trattoria Team | The Pearson Family | The Simons, Symonds & Symons Families | The Trott Family | The Wainwright Family | Thomas & Monica Schiano and Family | Tracy Grant | Troy & Wendy Seymour | Vaughn & Charlene Simons | Vernon Trott | Vincent Symonds & Family | Yolanda Smith & Family | Yvette Watson





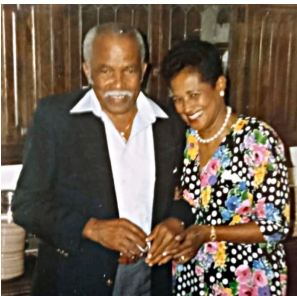
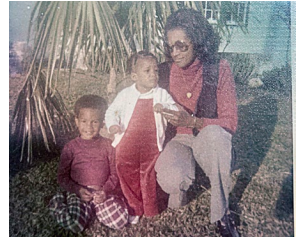
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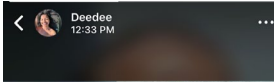
A wife of noble character who can find? She is *worth far more than rubies*. Her husband has *full confidence in her* and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants. She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. She is *clothed with strength and dignity*; she can laugh at the days to come. She *speaks with wisdom*, and *faithful instruction is on her tongue*. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: “Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.” Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but *a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised*. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.



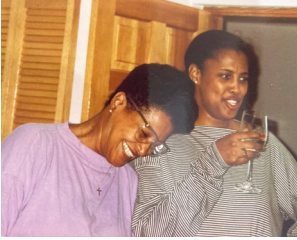


Reminiscing











VIDEO TRIBUTE MUSIC

Con Te Partirò ~ Italian

Quando sono solo sogno all'orizzonte e mancan le parole. Sì, lo so che non c'è luce in una stanza quando manca il sole, se non ci sei tu con me, con me. Su le finestre mostra a tutti il mio cuore che hai acceso, chiudi dentro me la luce che hai incontrato per strada. ***Con te partirò. Paesi che non ho mai veduto e vissuto con te, adesso si li vivrò. Con te partirò su navi per mari che, io lo so, no, no, non esistono più, con te io li vivrò.*** Quando sei lontana sogno all'orizzonte e mancan le parole. E io sì lo so che sei con me, con me, tu, mia luna, tu sei qui con me. Mio sole, tu sei qui con me, con me, con me, con me. ***Con te partirò. Paesi ... no, no, non esistono più, con te io li rivivrò.*** Con te partirò su navi per mari che, io lo so, no, no, non esistono più, con te io li rivivrò. Con te partirò. Io con te.

Time to Say Goodbye ~ English

When I'm alone, I dream of the horizon and I'm out of words. Yes, I know that there's no light in a bedroom when the sun is missing, if you're not there with me, with me. In the windows show to everyone my heart that you've turned on, turn off inside me the light that you've found in the street. ***I will leave with you. Countries that I've never seen nor lived with you, now I will live them. I will leave with you on ships through the seas that, I know it, don't, don't, don't exist anymore, with you I will live them.*** When you're far away I dream of the horizon and I'm out of words. And I do know you'll be with me, with me, you, my moon, you're here with me. My sun, you're here with me, with me, with me, with me. ***I will leave with you. Countries... don't, don't, don't exist anymore, with you I will relive them.*** I will leave with you on ships through the seas that, I know it, don't, don't, don't exist anymore, with you I will relive them. I will leave with you. I with you.

MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

The Family appreciates all the calls, messages, flowers and other expressions of love and support that have helped to get us through this time without our beloved and very much missed Ruby.

At this time, we request privacy so that we may peacefully reflect and commune with each other. **There will be no wake.**



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